

THREE BELOW ZERO, TO-DAY PROMISES TO BE WARMER

New York Has Not Shivered
as Much in Eight
Years.

FROZEN IN BED
LITTLE GIRL IS

Her Mother, Mrs. Katherine Rice, Is
Found Huddled Over Stove
with the Fire Out.

TRAFFIC IS IMPEDED

Ferryboats in Both Rivers Have Hard
Work to Get Through Fields
of Ice.

HERALD WEATHER FORECAST.
In New York and neighboring regions
to-day fair and warmer weather will
prevail, with fresh northwesterly
winds, followed by increasing cloudiness.

THE HERALD THERMOMETER.
6:00 A. M. 3 deg. below zero
9:00 A. M. 1 deg. below zero
12 M. 5 deg. below zero
3:00 P. M. 10 deg. above zero
6:00 P. M. 11 deg. above zero
9:00 P. M. 10 deg. above zero
12:00 P. M. 9 deg. above zero

Promises of rising temperature is held
out to-day after the mercury dropped
down to three degrees below zero yester-
day morning and gave New York the
worst case of cold shivers it has experi-
enced for eight years.

Fortunately there was little wind to
increase the sting of the frosty air, and
the sky was bathed all day in brilliant
sunshine. It was glorious, bracing weather
for the well clad, and those who had
comfortably heated homes, but among
tenement dwellers, unacquainted with the
luxury of steam coils and the thousands
of homeless, the cold brought intense suf-
fering.

In the streets, the packed and frozen
snow made life miserable for horses and
impeded traffic. Shipping in the harbor
was clogged by heavy ice floes. Ferry
boats from New Jersey and Long Island
fought their way with difficulty through
the heavy ice. Three of them were put
out of commission when their rudders were
smashed. Ice was so thick in the Narrows
that incoming steamships made their way
up the bay with difficulty.

One death and seven cases of exposure
were reported by the police. A pitiful case
of destitution was discovered by Policeman
Donlin in the tenement at No. 511 East
Twelfth street. He found Mrs. Catherine
Rice and her two little boys in a cheerless
apartment suffering from cold and hunger.
Several days ago the woman's husband
went out to look for work. He did not re-
turn and she was left penniless. The
woman was huddled over a stove in which
the last ember had burned out. Clashed to
her breast was her four-year-old boy, who
died with pneumonia. A six-year-old boy,
Michael, lay at her feet, chill and hungry.
"Why didn't you go out and ask for
help?" inquired the policeman.

The woman waved her hand toward the
bed. The policeman drew back a scanty
cover and exposed the dead body of the
woman's two and a half-year-old baby
Katherine. The little figure was rigid,
showing how she had frozen stiff as she
huddled face downward. With her two
little hands thrust into the torn mattress
in vain search for warmth.

Donlin ran to the street and called an
ambulance from Belmont Hospital, then
got a bucket of hot coffee and rolls and
ordered a sack of coal. Dr. Heiler removed
little John to the hospital, but said he
had small chance to live.

The Municipal Lodging House sheltered
823 men on Friday night—the largest num-
ber in its history. The place was crowded
again last night. All day long warm
hearted persons sent bundles of shoes and
clothing to the place and they were dis-
tributed as fast as they arrived. Many
churches and missions threw their doors
open Friday night and last night to the
homeless. Among the places that wel-
comed all comers last night were the
Mariners' Temple, at Oliver and Henry
streets; Bovey Mission, Florence Mission,
the Dear Mute Church, at No. 512 West
14th street, and Salvation Army head-
quarters.

HUDSON IS ICEBOUND.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE HERALD.]
YONKERS, N. Y., Saturday.—For the first
time in eighteen years the Hudson River is
not navigable here. It is packed with ice
and the Ben Franklin Transportation
Company's freighters, Pease and Ben
Franklin, are frozen to their pier. A 500
ton coal barge, with a cargo for the Fed-
eral Sugar Refining Company, was sunk
by the ice to-day.

Louis Speckles, superintendent of the
refinery, said to-day that this was the first
time since he has been in this city that
river traffic between Yonkers and New
York city was suspended.

Willis Kuhn, of No. 125 Stanley avenue,
a New York Central fireman, lost his life
as a result of the cold. He was working
on a pole on the railroad tracks near Ash-
burton avenue, when he became numb and
fell to the ground. He died to-night in St.
Joseph's Hospital.

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Waiting for Some Real Cold Weather Before Cutting Ice

Mr. Oler Is Not Ready to Harvest the Winter's Crop While
the Sun Is so Strong—Weather of Last Four Days
Has Helped a Little Bit.

No, they haven't started cutting ice yet,
and, furthermore, they won't start until
some real cold weather comes along. The
secretary to Wesley M. Oler, president of
the American Ice Company, said so yester-
day, and as he has the best inside in-
formation on the outside question he ought
to know. Of course, with the mercury
trying to sneak out the south end of the
tube, you thought it was ideal weather for
slicing the congealed moisture, but that's
where you were wrong. However, you
were not the only one. Many persons
called up the offices of the company to
ascertain the condition of the crop, only
to be informed that ice-men were begin-
ning to lose patience with the protracted
warm weather.

Only a few days ago Mr. Oler said that
the ice was only six inches thick and that
it would break like window glass if they
attempted to harvest it. This statement
started consumers trying to recall when
they had received a piece of ice more than

four inches thick, but at a late hour no
one had resurrected such an unusual in-
cident.

"Good ice making weather," was sug-
gested to the secretary.

"As soon as it stops thawing it will be
better," he replied.

"But the mercury was below zero all
morning and has been hovering about that
mark for days," said the reporter, trying
to rub his frozen ears into consciousness.

"The weather has been a little fresh,
but not enough to encourage ice cutting,"
he went on. "We've got to get it real cold
before we can get a crop."

"And to-day isn't cold enough?"

"You must remember that one or two
days of cold weather doesn't produce a
crop. To-day helps, but the sun has been
very strong."

"Are you afraid that the men would be
overcome by the heat if they started cut-
ting it?"

"Not as bad as that. But it has to be at
least ten inches thick before we begin
operations. Boy, turn on the fans. It's
suffocating in here."

tion as soon as he was told of the charges.
After spending several hours checking up
the work of the Brooklyn contractors Mr.
Edwards said he believed the accusation
was false, and that he had been unable to
find evidence to prove fraud.

"I am eager to find evidence of fraud if
the city is being cheated, but I am not
going to condemn any one on an anony-
mous letter," the Commissioner said.

"The Finance Department, the Bureau of
Weights and Measures and our own in-
spectors are at work all the time to per-
fect the snow removing system and make
cheating impossible. While we may not be
able to check up every cent spent, we do
know that there is no very extensive
swindling. If any one will come forward
with evidence of crookedness I shall be
more than pleased to run down every tip
and the one giving the tip need not fear
betrayal."

The man who returned the \$100 wrote
that he was tempted and could not resist,
as every one working was taking money.
Trucks are measured and then sides re-
moved, so that the loads carried are smaller
than the credited capacity, the informant
stated. Tickets are checked up at different
dumps when not actually representing any
truck, the letter said, or one driver will
carry two or more cards. Some trucks are
measured twice and "two, three or four
punches given for one load," it is charged.
The only way to break the system, the in-
formant states, is to have honest men count
the loads.

It was pointed out at the Finance De-
partment that the snow contractors in
Brooklyn had experienced trouble with
teamsters. Officials said they were suspi-
cious of the motives of the self-confessed
graffer who did not give his name.

In a second anonymous letter received by
Mr. Prendergast, it was stated that
"the city gets an awful trimming on
this snow removal in Brooklyn."

As soon as the snow and wind, which
caused considerable delay to shipping in
New York Harbor, ceased last Friday
night a new obstacle presented itself and
all day yesterday the ferry boats, ocean
steamships and other vessels which go to
make up the heavy traffic about the harbor
were hampered and in several cases badly
damaged by the ice. The "floe," which has
been a day coming down the Hudson
River, reached the harbor about nine
o'clock Friday night, and the first damage
done was at the storage piers of the
Savannah line, at Twelfth street, Hoboken.

One of the line's steamships, the City of
Columbus, lies there out of commission
for the winter. Soon after nine o'clock
she was caught in the ice pack, which had
the weight of many thousands of tons and
the current of the river behind it, and
torn from her moorings. The steamship
drifted across the space between the two
piers and down onto the tugboat Henry
Heath, which is owned by Captain Charles
T. Bradley.

The tugboat was stove in and she
sank. Fortunately there was no one on
board, the crew having gone home for the
night. Beside the Henry Heath was
also a coal barge, which was also
crushed and sank. The ice packed
around the City of Columbus and the
sunk tugboat during the day to such
an extent that it was impossible for
the Baxter Tugboat Company to get
at the Henry Heath.

The coal barge Fulton was being
towed up the river by one of the
Lehigh Valley Railroad Company's tug-
boats when she was caught in a crush
and had several of her ribs broken. She
filled rapidly and sank in the middle of
the channel.

The Standard Oil tugboat No. 14 met
with an accident of a sixty-fifth street,
Brooklyn. She was trying to make her
way through an ice pack when a large
cake got afool of her propeller and
snapped it off.

TO FEED STARVING BIRDS.

Reports received at the headquarters
of the National Association of Audubon
Societies in this city, yesterday indicate
that over a large area of the United
States birds are now suffering for lack
of food caused by the heavy snow.
Telegraphic instructions have been sent
to the officers of the State Audubon
societies and all field agents in the
danger zone, asking them to provide
food for the birds and to call upon the
public to do likewise. In 1895 the cold
weather almost exterminated the blue-
birds in Eastern United States.

"Before to-morrow night fifty thou-
sand earnest bird lovers will be dis-
tributing grain and tying suet to limbs
of trees to feed our winter bird life,"
said T. Gilbert Pearson, secretary, at
the office of the association, No. 1,974
Broadway.

LATE SHIPPING NEWS. FOR OTHER SHIPPING NEWS SEE PAGES 10 AND 11 OF THE SECOND SECTION OF TO-DAY'S HERALD.

ARRIVED.
Sir Dominic (Br), Martin, Para Dec 21
and Barbados Jan 8, to the Booth Steam-
ship Co. with mdee. Passed in Sandy
Hook at 8:17 PM.

WIRELESS REPORTS.
Distances in nautical miles on
usual steamer tracks from Ambrose
Channel lightship—Sable Island,
648; Nantucket (South Shoal) light-
ship, 193; Hatteras (Diamond Shoal)
lightship, 330.

Sir Buffalo (Br), New York for Hull,
was 100 miles E of Ambrose Channel
lightship at 6 PM 13th.

Sir Tuscan, Philadelphia for Boston,
was 15 miles SW of Fire Island at noon
13th.

Sir Mills, Fernandina via New York for
Tiverton, passed Shinnecock at 5:30 PM
13th.

Sir Creole, New Orleans for New York,
was 53 miles S of Scotland lightship at 8
AM 13th.

Sir Texas (Nor), Puerto Mexico via Gal-
veston for Christiania, was 20 miles S of
Galveston bar at 7 PM 13th.

Sir City of Savannah, Savannah for New
York, was 181 miles S of Scotland lightship
at 8 PM 13th.

Sir Admiral Farragut, Port Antonio for
Philadelphia, was 31 miles S of Cape Hen-
lopen at noon 13th.

Sir Howard, Baltimore for Boston,
passed Fire Island at 7:35 PM 13th.

Sir Larimer, Port Arthur for Philadel-
phia, was 13 miles S of Winter Quarter
lightship at 6 PM 13th.

Sir Sun, Sabine for Philadelphia, was
40 miles S of Cape Henlopen at 7 PM 13th.

Sir Oklahoma, Port Arthur for New
York, was 26 miles S of Winter Quarter
lightship at 8 PM 13th.

Sir Turrillaba (Br), Port Limon for Bos-
ton, was 230 miles SW of Nantucket light-
ship at 7 PM 13th.

Sir Kershaw, Boston for Baltimore, was
14 miles S of Five Fathom Bank lightship
at 8 PM 13th.

Sir Cristobal, New York for Cristobal,
was 87 miles S of Scotland lightship at 8
PM 13th.

Sir Arapahoe, New York for Charleston
and Jacksonville, was 50 miles S of Scot-
land lightship at 3:35 PM 13th.

Sir Cretan, Baltimore for Jacksonville,
was 6 miles SW of Diamond Shoal light-
ship at 7 PM 13th.

Sir Herman Frasch, New York for Sa-
bine, was 24 miles S of Scotland lightship
at 7 PM 13th.

Sir Mexico, New York for Vera Cruz,
was 570 miles S of Scotland lightship
at 8 AM 13th.

Sir City of Atlanta, New York for Sa-
vannah, was 484 miles S of Scotland light-
ship at 8 AM 13th.

Sir Vigilance, New York for Nassau,
was 180 miles S of Scotland lightship
at 8 AM 13th.

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Baby Caracul Coats Formerly 285.00 175.00 Persian Lamb Coats Formerly 195.00 125.00

Marmot Coats Formerly 85.00 50.00 Natural Pony Coats Formerly 95.00 59.50

Moleskin Coat Imported Model. 54 inches long, made from extra fine pelts. Formerly 475.00 265.00

Broadtail Coat Imported Model. 54 inches long, made from very best grade pelts. Formerly 1,450.00 750.00

Mink Coat Imported Model. 54 inches long, made from dark Eastern mink skins. Formerly 1,650.00 975.00

MUFFS 12.00, 19.50 BLACK FOX 9.50, 19.50

24.50 POINTED FOX 19.50

10.00 BLUE WOLF 9.50

12.50 NATURAL RACCOON 7.50

4.50 CARACUL 3.50

JANUARY CLEARING SALE OF OUTER-
GARMENTS for WOMEN, MISSES and
GIRLS.

Women's Cloth Suits..... 15.00 Girls' Cloth Coats (Sizes 4 to 14)..... 5.00

Women's Cloth Suits..... 22.50 Girls' Cloth Coats (Sizes 4 to 14)..... 7.50

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Women's Semi-Fitting Coats 19.50 Misses' Cloth Coats (Sizes 14 to 20)..... 12.50

Women's Broadcloth Coats. 19.50 Misses' Cloth Suits (Sizes 14 to 20)..... 10.00

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Women's Serge Dresses.... 15.00 Misses' Cloth Suits (Sizes 14 to 20)..... 22.50

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French Gowns 1.95 2.50 3.50 4.75 6.75 8.75 11.75

French Combinations 2.75 3.50 4.75 6.75 8.50 10.75

French Chemises 1.25 1.85 2.75 3.75

French Corset Covers..... 1.25 1.75 2.75 3.75

French Sets (3 pieces)..... 8.75 10.75 13.75

CREPE DE CHINE & CHIFFON UNDERGARMENTS

Crepe de Chine Gowns 5.75 7.75 8.75 9.75

Chiffon Gowns 9.75 12.75 22.50 37.50

Crepe de Chine Combinations 5.75 6.75 9.75 11.75

Crepe de Chine Knickerbockers 3.50 4.00

Crepe de Chine Slumber Robes 8.75 10.75

Crepe de Chine Petticoats 5.75 7.75 10.75

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lar and cuffs; fitted waist. Heretofore 7.75 5.75

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terns, satin collar and cuffs. Heretofore 7.75 5.75

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with collar and cuffs of satin. Heretofore 10.50 7.50

IMPORTED GOWNS of albatross
or flannel, hand embroidered and
lace trimmed. Heretofore 12.75 9.75

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GOWNS, new draped model; col-
lar hand embroidered. Heretofore 16.50 12.75

IMPORTED MODELS of cloth,
trimmed with velvets, braids and
lingerie. Heretofore 22.50 & 28.50 16.50

SATIN TEA GOWNS, individual in
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